

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: stripes-1233432945114.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1001112.000

Medium: Computer Image File Printout

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 27 July 2010

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The publication depicts a very young girl posed in a sexualised manner to display her genitals to the camera. There is no other possible reading of the image except that it exists for the purpose of adult sexual arousal. The availability of the publication is likely to encourage viewers to develop a sexual interest in young children.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.